

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A communication system comprising:

a portable device provided with a communication function;

a communication controller ~~for which~~ automatically ~~performing~~ performs mutual communication with the portable device and ~~controlling~~ controls a predetermined driver in accordance with whether mutual communication with the portable device is established;

a selection device ~~for selecting~~ which selects one or a disablement mode, which disables automatic communication of the portable device with respect to the communication controller, and a communication mode, which enables automatic communication of the portable device;

a determination unit ~~for recognizing~~ which recognizes which one of the disablement mode and the communication mode the portable device is in to determine whether to enable or disable automatic communication with respect to the portable device in accordance with the recognition; and

a recognition information providing device ~~for providing~~ which provides the determination unit with recognition information used to recognize which one of the disablement mode and the communication mode the portable device is in, in accordance with the selection by the selection device,

wherein the portable device includes the selection device and the recognition information providing device,

wherein the portable device includes a receiving circuit which receives a signal from the communication controller, the portable device inactivating the receiving circuit when the

portable device is in the disablement mode, and

wherein the recognition information includes one of a communication model signal,
which indicates the communication mode, and a disablement mode signal, which indicates the
disablement mode.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the communication controller includes the selection device and the recognition information providing device.

4. (Original) The communication system according to claim 1, further comprising at least one other portable device, and the determination unit disabling automatic communication with respect to each portable device when all of the portable devices are in the disablement mode.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the portable device includes a transmitting circuit ~~for transmitting~~ which transmits a signal to the communication controller, the portable device inactivating the transmitting circuit when the

portable device is in the disablement mode.

7. (Currently amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the portable device includes a notification device ~~for generating~~ which generates a notice that the portable device is in the disablement mode and ~~for generating~~ which generates a notice that the portable device has shifted from the disablement mode to the communication mode.

8. (Currently amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined driver is a door lock driver ~~for locking and unlocking~~ which locks and unlocks a door.

9. (Original) The communication system according to claim 8, wherein the door lock driver locks and unlocks the door of a vehicle.

10. (Original) The communication system according to claim 8, wherein the door lock driver locks and unlocks the door of a house.

11. (Currently amended) A method for reducing power consumption in a communication system, the communication system including a portable device and a communication controller that performs automatic communication with the portable device, wherein the portable device includes a receiving circuit which receives a signal from the

communication controller, the method comprising:

selecting with the portable device one of a disablement mode ~~for disabling~~ which disables automatic communication of the portable device relative to the communication controller and a communication mode ~~for enabling~~ which enables automatic communication of the portable device;

transmitting recognition information from the portable device to the communication controller in accordance with the selection by the portable device, wherein the recognition information is used to recognize which one of the disablement mode and the communication mode the portable device is in, and wherein the recognition information includes one of a communication mode signal, which indicates the communication mode, and a disablement mode signal, which indicates the disablement mode;

determining with the communication controller which one of the disablement mode and the communication mode the portable device is in from the recognition information; ~~and~~

disabling automatic communication of the communication controller relative to the portable device when it is determined that the portable device is in the disablement mode; and
inactivating the receiving circuit when the portable device is in the disablement mode.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the portable device includes a transmitting circuit ~~for transmitting~~ which transmits a signal to the

communication controller, the method further comprising:

inactivating the transmitting circuit when the portable device is in the disablement mode.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

generating a notice that the portable device is in the disablement mode; and

generating a notice that the portable device has shifted from the disablement mode to the communication mode.